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Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 64/265 of 13 May 2010, in which it decided to convene a high-level meeting of the General Assembly in September 2011, with the participation of Heads of State and Government, on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases,

Recalling also the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, and the commitment contained therein to undertake concerted action and a coordinated response at the national, regional and global levels in order to adequately address the developmental and other challenges posed by non-communicable diseases, namely cardiovascular diseases, cancers, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes, and to work towards a successful high-level meeting of the General Assembly in 2011,

Recognizing the primary role and responsibility of Governments in responding to the challenge of non-communicable diseases and the essential need for the efforts and engagement of all sectors of society to generate an effective response,

Recognizing also the important role of the international community and international cooperation in assisting Member States, particularly developing countries, and in complementing national efforts to generate an effective response to non-communicable diseases,

Recalling its resolution 65/95 of 9 December 2010 on global health and foreign policy,

1. *Decides* that the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases shall be held on 19 and 20 September 2011 in New York;

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2. *Also decides* that the high-level meeting shall address the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases worldwide, with a particular focus on developmental and other challenges and social and economic impacts, particularly for developing countries;

3. *Reiterates* its decision to hold the high-level meeting with the participation of Heads of State and Government, and encourages all Member States to be represented at that level;

4. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements of the high-level meeting and the round tables shall be as follows:

(a) Formal plenary meetings on 19 September, chaired by the President of the General Assembly and featuring opening statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Director-General of the World Health Organization and a representative of civil society who will be chosen from non-governmental organizations with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and in consultation with Member States, and a closing plenary meeting on 20 September, comprising the presentation of summaries of the round tables and the adoption of a concise action-oriented outcome document;

(b) Organization of three round tables, with round tables 1 and 2 taking place concurrently with the plenary meetings on 19 September and round table 3 taking place on 20 September;

(c) The thematic round tables will address the following themes:

Round table 1: The rising incidence, developmental and other challenges and the social and economic impact of non-communicable diseases and their risk factors;

Round table 2: Strengthening national capacities, as well as appropriate policies, to address prevention and control of non-communicable diseases;

Round table 3: Fostering international cooperation, as well as coordination, to address non-communicable diseases;

(d) In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions, participation in each round table will include Member States, observers, and representatives of entities of the United Nations system, civil society and the private sector. A list of speakers will not be maintained in this regard;

5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements of the meetings, including the list of speakers of the plenary meetings to be held on 19 September, taking account of the length of the meetings, the identification of the civil society representative to speak at the opening plenary meeting, the assignment of Member States and participants to round tables, and the identification of Chairs for the round tables, taking into account the level of representation as well as equitable geographical representation and the format of the informal interactive hearing;

6. *Encourages* Member States to consider, as appropriate and where relevant, including in their national delegations to the high-level meeting parliamentarians, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, academia and networks working on the control and prevention of non-communicable diseases;

7. *Decides* that the high-level meeting will result in a concise action-oriented outcome document, and requests the President of the General Assembly to produce a draft text in consultation with Member States based on their inputs, as well as inputs from the preparatory process and evidence-based inputs, where relevant, and convene informal consultations at an appropriate date in order to enable sufficient consideration and agreement by Member States prior to the high-level meeting;

8. *Also decides* that the report of the Secretary-General, in collaboration with Member States, the World Health Organization and the relevant funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, on the global status of non-communicable diseases, with a particular focus on the developmental challenges faced by developing countries, requested by the Assembly in its resolution 64/265, shall be submitted no later than May 2011 and shall serve as an input to the preparatory process for the high-level meeting;

9. *Invites* the World Health Organization, with the support and active participation of regional commissions and other relevant agencies and entities, to continue to hold regional multisectoral consultations, as appropriate, which will serve to provide inputs to the preparations for the high-level meeting, as well as to the meeting itself;

10. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than June 2011 and in consultation with representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia, an informal interactive hearing with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia to provide an input to the preparatory process for the high-level meeting;

11. *Decides* that the President of the General Assembly will preside over the above-mentioned informal interactive hearing, and requests the President of the General Assembly to prepare a summary of the hearing, to be issued as a document of the Assembly prior to the high-level meeting;

12. *Invites* the Inter-Parliamentary Union to contribute to the high-level meeting;

13. *Invites* the Holy See, in its capacity as observer State, and Palestine, in its capacity as observer, to participate in the preparatory activities and in the high-level meeting;

14. *Invites* United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, in particular the World Health Organization, regional commissions, the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization, the regional development banks, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and intergovernmental organizations and entities having observer status in the General Assembly to participate in the preparatory activities and in the high-level meeting, in accordance with the rules of procedure as established by the Assembly;

15. *Decides* that the President of the General Assembly shall consult with representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia, and with Member States, as appropriate, on the list of representatives of

non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia, taking into account to the extent possible the principle of equitable geographic representation, and to submit the list to Member States for consideration and for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the high-level meeting, including round tables.